(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Air India's Kanishka aircraft had 307 passengers and 22 crew members on board. Till 26th November, 1985, Air India had received claims for compensation from the next of kin of 88 passengers only. An amount of Rs. 1.29 crore has been paid in settlement of the compensation in respect of 32 passengers and the remaining 56 cases are being processed for settlement. Claims in respect of remaining 219 deceased passengers have not been received as yet. As regards crew members an amount of Rs. 65.08 lakhs has been paid in settlement of 16 cases. Remaining six cases of crew members are in the process of being settled.

(c) and (d) While General Insurance Corporation of India fully reimbursing Air India, the amount of compensation in respect of deceased passengers is paid by Air India. Compensation in respect of crew members is being absorbed by Air India as they are covered under the Corporation's Self Inusrance Scheme.

Shitla Express

*237. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for abandoning the proposal of starting the Shitla Express from Jaunpur (Uttar Pradesh) as mooted by Shri Kamlapati Tripathi, the then Railway Minister; and

(b) what are the reasons due to which the construction of washing yard at Jaunpur has been abandoned, and how much money has already been spent and what was the allocation approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There were requests in the past for running a direct train from Jaunpur to Bombay. It has not been possible to do so due to shortage of coaches, and constraints of line capacity and terminal facilities.

(b) The work is in progress Anticipated expenditure on the work so far is Rs. 4.90 lakhs. An outlay of Rs. 1.00 lakh has been provided during 1985-86.

Allahabad-Gorakhpur and Ballia-Lucknow highways

*238. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Allahabad-Gorakhpur and Ballia-Lucknow National Highways have been completely damaged due to the rains; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to repair these highways and to protect these highways in future?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) The routes referred in the Question are covered only partly by National Highways 29 and 56; remaining lengths being State Roads. The National Highway portions, with which the Government of India are concerned, were not completely damaged, though there were some damages due to heavy rains and floods this year.

(b) The damaged portions of National Highways are being kept in traffic worthy condition. Long-term remedial measures would be proposed for raising and strengthening wherever necessary to prevent damages in future.

Death of MIC victims in Bhopal

*239. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware